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MY DEAR SIR:

The graduating classes of the College have this year, with the approbation of the Faculty, adopted the hood as a portion of their academic dress.

All graduates of the University are now entitled to wear the complete academic costume, consisting of gown, hood and cap. Any member of the Faculty who holds a degree from some other institution of learning, may wear the hood proper to the corresponding degree in this University.

It is hoped that at all future commencements and other gatherings of an academic character, this right will be exercised by many or all of those possessed of it.

The hood indicates in every case the wearer's degree. The Bachelor's hood is ten inches shorter than the Master's, while the Doctor's hood, of the same length as the Master's, is attached to a panel of the same material as that of the hood itself. The department in which the degree was taken is pointed out by the color of the edging, white designating Arts and Sciences; blue, Philosophy; purple, Law; green, Medicine; scarlet, Theology, etc. The interior of the hood is lined with the College colors, blue and grey, in silk.

In the foregoing features the hood adopted by Georgetown follows the intercollegiate agreement; but in size and shape, it has been modified so as to be less cumbrous and more graceful than the usual pattern.

Messrs. Parker, Bridget & Co., of 315 Seventh St. N. W., Washington, D. C., who have devised the hood, furnish it at remarkably low prices; while gowns and caps of the approved type may be obtained from the same firm, or from Strawbridge, Clothier & Co., Philadelphia, or from other respectable dealers, at a surprisingly moderate expense.

While it may now be too late to put the plan in practice to any great extent at the coming commencement on June 23d, yet if any of the Alumni or members of the Faculty have the opportunity to provide themselves with the articles, it will be very desirable that they should wear them on that occasion.

With sincere regards, very truly yours,

J. HAVENS RICHARDS, S. J.,
Rector.



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